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**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the abstract with the following paragraph:

-- A rotary actuator including a tube. A piston disposed in the tube and configured for displacement therealong. The piston having a spline extending radially outwardly therefrom formed by plurality of grooves and a plurality of non-grooved portions. At least some of the non-grooved portions of the spline defining a passageway extending radially inwardly through a side of the piston. An axle rod disposed in the piston and having a second spline. A set of pins each positioned through a passageway through the piston to engage the second spline. --